

You couldn't possibly pick a tougher time for a public subscription campaign than the Christmas season; nevertheless, 1953 is running out and Homestead county has an obligation to the Salvation Army which has to be met.

Organizational changes postponed this year's fund request until, unfortunately, it now collides with Christmas shopping. Just the same we have a 1,600 quota and we are expected to cover it.

Canvassing teams are calling on individuals and business houses all over the county. Do them the courtesy of making a quick response. If you're going to give them an argument remember that they have the last word. They're on the street performing a public service for free — and you ought to be glad that this involves no more effort on your part than willing a check.

Probably more than any organization on earth the Salvation Army relies on your donation direct to the poor and the distressed. It has tremendous public support and confidence. Three thousand dollars is not much to ask of this city and county for such a cause, even in the midst of holiday shopping.

There's a lot of local history behind the annual Salvation Army campaign. For many years Hope has canvassed haphazardly week to week by S. A. soldiers coming here from Texarkana. Hope citizens gave money, of course, but neither our city nor county was on the canvassing map. We had no Salvation Army all our own for strictly local use.

Roy Anderson objected to Salvation Army authorities in Texarkana some years ago, and the result was that Hope undertook to make an annual drive and set up a permanent local fund. We've been doing that for some time now. Of this year's \$3,000 quota one-third will remain in Hope for local use — normal use, that is; in case of disaster the full resources of the national Salvation Army will come to our aid, as to be expected.

This is a great and good cause. The lateness of the appeal is no excuse for being laggard about giving. The Salvation Army was in your gift budget last year; it's in there this year, for sure — you've just held on to the money a little longer in 1953.

But now it's due — the canvassers are calling.

Santa Claus to Get to Hope 7p. m. Thurs.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Hope via airplane and be down town at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday December 10.

Appropriate escort has been arranged for Santa's visit to Hope. The VFW and the American Legion will each provide a marching unit. Boy Scouts of the local troops will man the ladder truck of the Hope City Fire Department and the Yenger High School Band and the Yenger High School Band will play and march. City Police and State Police will provide the police escorts.

The Santa Claus Committee, headed by James Morrow, with Tabbot Field, Jr., Jack Lowe, Aaron Tollett, Barry Brown, and Lamar Cox held its final meeting Monday morning in the Chamber office in preparation for Santa's visit.

Committee members reported that details had been ironed out and everything is in readiness for old St. Nick.

Masons to Confer Masters Degree

Whitfield Lodge will confer a Master's Degree tonight at 7:30. Refreshments will be served and all Master Masons are expected.

Extended Forecast

For Dec. 8-12: Arkansas: Temperature will average 24 degrees below normal. Normal minimum 25-33. Normal maximum 45-53. Cooler Wednesday. Precipitation moderate. Showers about Wednesday and again about Sunday.

Bible's Middle

According to the King James version, the 117th Psalm is the middle chapter of the Bible and it is an interesting fact this also is the shortest chapter in the Bible.

Shopping Day

14 SHOPPING DAY THE CHRISTMAS CANDY

Buying Christmas candy? Hurry up and shop Before selections dwindle To one chocolate drop.



45 Charges Are Filed in Dierks Bank Shortage

NASHVILLE — Forty-five criminal charges were filed here today against two former officials of the Bank of Dierks, Ark., in the \$175,000 shortage discovered at the bank last year.

Prosecutor R. Coker Thomas filed informations containing 23 counts against Thomas F. Westbrook, former vice president and cashier of the bank, and 22 counts against Mrs. Opal Simington, one-time assistant cashier at the institution.

Westbrook was charged with misapplication of bank funds; knowingly receiving funds after the bank became insolvent; and making false entries in the books.

The charges against Mrs. Simington included forgery; embezzlement; misapplication of funds; and making false entries.

The defendants were arraigned before Circuit Judge George Steel before this morning shortly after the charges were filed. Judge Steel was expected to set bond for the couple at \$5,000 each.

Both Westbrook and Mrs. Simington were indicted by a federal grand jury ranging from making false entries to embezzlement.

However nine of the indictments eventually were dismissed on legal technicalities. Federal authorities then declined to prosecute on the two remaining counts and turned over the case to Thomas.

7 Prisoners to Trial for Slaying Buddy

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UP) — Seven prisoners, charged with murdering one of their fellow inmates, will go on trial Saturday, in one of the most unusual murder cases in history.

No body has been found, and the murder charge was made by Communists who accuse the United Nations of planting "agents" among unrepatriated North Korean and Chinese war prisoners.

The defendants are among the 22,500 anti-Red POWs captured by the U. N. during the war and later turned over to Indian guards here because they refused to return to communism.

They will be defended by a Chinese-speaking American civilian, Allan R. Morrison, Eureka Calif.

The seven prisoners are charged with murdering another war prisoner by tying him to a tent pole and cutting out his heart. Although no body has been found, a Neutral Nations board of inquiry said it had collected sufficient verbal and circumstantial evidence to warrant a trial.

Actor Denies Part in Broken Romance

PARIS (UP) — Movie tough guy Kirk Douglas said today he hoped the romantic match of wealthy Mrs. Estelle Auguste and former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey "will not end in a draw and that everyone shall win and be very happy."

Douglas denied taking any part in Mrs. Auguste's action in breaking off her engagement to Dempsey.

"I hardly knew Mrs. Auguste," the actor said. "I met her very briefly last summer in Europe. She struck me as a very charming lady."

"But I never received any invitation to her wedding, so it doesn't look as if I'll have to polish up my boxing to face Dempsey," Douglas said.

"His left hooks are known to be still pretty hard," the actor added.

World Anxiously Awaits Ike's Address; Big Three Challenges Kremlin to Negotiate Peace



TESTIFIES — Matt Cvetic, former FBI agent who joined Communist Party, told State Industrial Commission in Austin Sunday he personally knew Communists covet control of Texas oil and chemical industries and its ports. — NEA Telephoto

By TOM HOGE
UNITED NATIONS N. Y. (AP) — U. N. delegates from both sides of the Iron Curtain waited expectantly today for President Eisenhower's dramatic appeal to the General Assembly for peace in an atom-peril world.

One high diplomatic source said the address would be a "sensational" appeal aimed at breaking the seven-year-old East-West deadlock over atomic energy control.

Most delegates speculated the U. S. President would aim his plea directly at Russia. Most voiced hope that the momentous address, coming as the Assembly prepared to recess its eighth session, would pave the way for high-level big power talks designed to ease world tension.

Eisenhower worked until after midnight in Bermuda with British Prime Minister Churchill and France's Foreign Minister Georges Bidault winning up the secret talks they hope will advance a big step towards peace.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda — The Big Three challenged the Kremlin today to negotiate peace settlements in Europe and Asia and to "solve the stubborn problems" of a world too long in conflict.

In a final Bermuda communique that occasionally rang with Churchillian phrase—but omitted any concrete solutions for the key problems of Western unity, U. S. President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Churchill and French Premier Laniel announced:

1. They are sending notes to Russia for an early Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Berlin which, they hope will make progress towards the unification of Germany and independence for Austria.

2. They will continue to strive for a Korean political conference which they hope will lead to both a Korean settlement with the Asian Communists and "progress in restoring more normal conditions in the Far East and Southeast Asia."

3. They will continue to struggle for "peace and stability" in Indochina, where the "valiant forces" of France and the native states are making an important contribution to the "defense of the free world."

4. They hope for a "peaceful" liberation of the Red-ruled East European countries and reject as unjustified "the present division of Europe."

5. The three Western Powers will "lose no opportunity for easing the tensions that beset the world and for reassuring all nations that they have no cause to fear that the strength of the West will be invoked in any cause of wrongful violence."

The communique sounded a high note of western unity and common purpose, providing a background for Eisenhower's appearance at an address on the "Perils of the World in This Atomic Age."

Radar Station to Be Built at Texarkana

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said today it plans to construct a \$250,000 radar station near Texarkana, Ark., in the near future.

An Air Force press officer said it will be an air control and warning station part of a general radar network planned for the over-all defense of the country.

Construction is to start in the next month or two and to be completed in 1954, he said.

Scientists to Hit Housefly Right in Guts

By HENNIE TAYLOR
LOS ANGELES (UP) — A new scientific attack on the housefly, aimed to hit him in the intestines, was reported today to the Entomological Society of America.

First steps in the offensive are to find out how the fly converts his food into energy and cell-building material. When the facts about housefly digestion are determined, insect fighters will know more precisely about where and how to do the hitting.

One of the new findings is that houseflies have pepsin in their systems. Pepsin is an enzyme which help meat-eating animals to digest protein.

Dr. Bernard Greenberg of the University of Kansas reported the pepsin discovery. Up to now it has been taken for granted, Dr. Greenberg said, that insects do not have pepsin.

The new finding means that there is less difference between flies and the higher animals than previously realized. It means also that the housefly may be vulnerable to new and different forms of chemical attack.

Another similar finding was reported by Dr. W. Chefruka, of the Canadian government experiment station at London, Ontario. Dr. Chefruka said he had determined the steps by which houseflies break down carbohydrates. This involves a whole series of chemical changes one or more of which may constitute an invitation for some other scientist to utilize some simple substance as a lethal weapon against the pest.

Can't Say No? Then Try to Wear Out the Strong With Your Own Power of Indecision

NEW YORK (AP) — Would you like to develop a forceful, winning personality?

A lot of people would. But there are some who would be glad to settle for a forceful, losing personality. Win or lose, they would like to have any kind of personality that had some impact.

Count me among them. Some people are born with the power of decision. The rest of us acquire it. We acquire from others. We are always ready to meet any emergency — if there is someone around to make up our minds what to do.

We are the guys who can't say no. We would rather have our teeth knocked out than turn a negative answer. In fact this happened to me several times in

Court Argues Segregation in Schools

By KARL R. BAUMAN
WASHINGTON — Attorneys argue before the Supreme Court today whether the 14th Amendment, adopted after the Civil War, gives that court the power now to order children educated together in public schools, regardless of race.

One round of pro and con debate on public school segregation, at times charged with emotion, was heard yesterday. The caustic arguments wind up tomorrow but the court's decision may be months off.

Legal questions for the court to decide are: Does the "separate but equal" doctrine it laid down in an 1896 transportation case still apply? Has the court the power to order states to integrate their segregated school systems?

Did the outlawing of segregation by Negro attorneys, opening the arguments yesterday, asked the high court to outlaw segregation, contending the "separate but equal" doctrine it laid down in an 1896 transportation case still apply? Has the court the power to order states to integrate their segregated school systems?

Did the 14th amendment contemplate outlawing segregation? Negro attorneys, opening the arguments yesterday, asked the high court to outlaw segregation, contending the "separate but equal" doctrine cannot apply.

White-haired John W. Davis, speaking for South Carolina and Virginia, replied that the doctrine has been approved in the courts and the legislatures for so many years that it should be regarded as no longer open to debate.

T. Justin Moore of Richmond, also speaking for Virginia, told the court that laws passed by Congress immediately after the Civil War did not provide that attending public schools is a civil right.



MEETING — W. L. Hunter, Jr., struck down by polio in Acapulco, Mexico three months ago, is greeted by his sister Mrs. Howard Shively, Ponca City, Okla., as he arrived in Dallas aboard an Air Force hospital plane. — NEA Telephoto

Beautiful, Blonde Spy Who Offered Sex, Cash to GIs for Army Secrets Gets 4 Years

NUERNBERG, Germany (UP) — Margarette Pfeiffer, voluptuous blonde "Mata Hari" who offered sex and cash to American GIs in an attempt to get U.S. military secrets for Red Czechoslovakia, today was sentenced to four years in prison on espionage charges.

The 24-year-old former model pleaded guilty to the charges before a U.S. district court.

Then she raised her blue eyes to the GI who turned her in and startled the courtroom by sighing: "I loved him."

Earlier the shapely, modern "Mata Hari" had pleaded innocent.

She changed her plea after two American soldiers testified to secret hotel room meetings with her and told how she offered them "plenty of money" for American military secrets.

William Elcher, a tank corpsman from McKeesport, Pa., flushed with embarrassment when the six-foot chamber declared her love for him in the courtroom.

Both Elcher and Sgt. Louis J. Kliebert had stubbornly refused to answer when the court asked if they had accepted Miss Pfeiffer's other, obvious charms during their meetings.

"They said they 'played along' with her, on instructions of U. S. intelligence agents to obtain the evidence on which she was brought to trial on espionage charges today."

Both Elcher and Kliebert told how the blonde former model offered them "plenty of money" for military information.

Miss Pfeiffer studied her fingernails speculatively and shifted her position to best display her light-fitting, beaded and hip-boggling skirt.

Elcher was the prosecution's chief witness.

"The ash-blond beauty gave him \$24 for two Army manuals on the carbine and the pistol, and then tried to lure him into the bigger game of turning over the secret gunlight."

Elcher refused to say whether he accepted Miss Pfeiffer's personal charms as part of his masquerade as the dupe of the Czech spy plot.

The soldier said he first met the six-foot blonde last Aug. 27.

"What do you think of the Army?" she asked me. I told her, 'Not much.'"

"Then she asked if I would care to make some money."

"I said 'Sure thing I'm interested.'"

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Bodcaw Club Meets, Reports Progress

Members of the Bodcaw Improvement Club held their regular session last week in the school lunch room and enjoyed a covered dish supper.

During the business session the Nevada County agent talked on ways to improve the club. The Agriculture teacher advised that the high school shop and equipment is open for public use each Monday at 2:45 p. m.

The first aid class, sponsored by the Home Committee, has completed its course with the final examination. Taught by P. E. McCargo, the class has 30 women and 42 high school girls and boys.

Bakers of Bread

In one year, bakers in the United States produce enough loaves of bread to reach from the earth to the moon 11 times, or to reach around the earth 102 times at the equator.

Final Cotton Crop Estimate Shows Increase



RAN OFF WITH WIFE — Norman Davenport, an escapee from the Granite, Okla., reformatory, whom Clovis, N. M., farmer Zoma Crosswhite says held a pistol on him one of the six weeks he hid out at the Crosswhite farm, then ran off with his wife and two children. — NEA Telephoto

344,000 Bales More Than a Month Ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department, in a final report for the year, today reported the 1953 cotton crop at 12,417,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This is 344,000 bales more than the 18,093,000 forecast a month ago and in for above a production goal of 12,000,000 bales set by Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

The big crop helped create a surplus supply that has led Benson to invoke rigid marketing quotas on the 1954 crop for the purpose of restricting output. The quotas will be submitted to a growers referendum Dec. 15. Approval by at least two thirds of those voting is required to make the quotas operative.

This year's crop compares with last year's production of 15,130,000 bales and with the 10-year (1942-51) average of 2,215,000 bales.

Supplementing the crop is a carryover reserve of about 4,500,000 bales from previous crops. Under the quota program, farmers would be limited to the sale of cotton grown on a national planting allotment of 17,910,000 acres. Plantings this year were about 24,500,000 acres. Farmers could sell cotton from excess acres, but it would be subject to a heavy penalty tax.

The yield of cotton for harvest last year averaged 322.4 pounds compared with 280.8 pounds last year and 271.4 for the 10-year average.

The average harvested was reported at 24,434,000 acres compared with 25,841,000 last year and 21,489,000 for the 10-year average.

Judge Brown Challenged to Do Something

PINE BLUFF (AP) — State Sen. Morrell Gathright yesterday challenged Circuit Judge Lyle Brown of Hope to "do something about conditions at the Arkansas Boys Industrial School" and charged that the greatest crime in the case has been "neglect."

The Pine Bluff senator said Judge Brown could render a tangible service to the Arkansas Boys Industrial School "if he will follow up his recent blast so highly publicized and demonstrate his good faith by offering sound, realistic recommendations for improvement."

Gathright said the recommendations for improvement should be based upon "a first-hand knowledge of the school's operation" acquired through a personal visit to the institution.

At Texarkana last week, Judge Brown called the school a "shame and disgrace to the state" as he sentenced three boys to the ABIS.

Judge Brown said at Hope last night he had no comment on Gathright's statement.

Gathright's statement continued: "Far from being a shame and disgrace to the state, the people have been a shame and disgrace to the school and the boys. For years we have furnished a pitifully small sum for the school's operation and until recently none for its improvement."

He noted that some 75 thousand dollars appropriated by the 1951 General Assembly and intended to be used for improvement was lost for lack of state permission to contract for it use early this year.

Gathright said that of the construction funds made available by the 1953 Legislature, \$25,000 has been required just to repair existing facilities run down by age and lack of funds to maintain them.

He charged that the state pays little over a fourth as much per inmate at the boys school as it does at the state penitentiary.

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Vicksburg Death Toll Reaches 31

VICKSBURG, Miss. (UP) — Children returned to school today as their elders continued to bury more of the 31 victims pulled from the wreckage of this tornado-shattered Mississippi river city.

Rescue workers removed the body of 32-year-old Mrs. C. Cooper from the rubble of a corner clothing store shortly before midnight to run the death toll to 31 from the Saturday night twister.

Cooper was the last known missing person, the Red Cross said.

But weary wrecking crews continued to sift through the rubble three days after the tornado that smashed through the center of town. Three more bodies were recovered earlier yesterday as the schools prepared to re-open, with classrooms minus children killed in the tornado.

Snow Falling in Central Rockies

By United Press
Light snow fell in the central Rocky mountains, and temperatures dropped below 20 degrees at some places in the Northern Plains states today, but most of the country had mild weather.

A freezing drizzle, part of the storm center that brought the snow to the Rockies, hit Goodland, Kas.

Grand Forks, N. D., had 11-degree weather, coldest in the plains states. The mercury ranged up to the 20's and 40's in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Most of the South had clear skies and temperatures in the high 40's or low 50's. Skies were partly cloudy in Florida and Southeastern Texas.

British Railways officials estimate that 8,000 vehicles carry 12 million passengers a day in London.

All Around the Town

By The Star Staff

Henderson College at Arkadelphia is to present two Christmas plays in the near future and including the cast is several students from this area. . . . In a principal speaking role is Donald McQueen of Hope along with Billy May of Emmet and Betty Saunders of Hope.

There are many angles to social security and every man, woman and child in this county are affected sooner or later. . . . If you have a problem or merely wish to ask a question go by the Arkansas Employment office at Second and Walnut any Tuesday morning and a special representative will discuss the matter with you.

Something of a treat is in store for visitors to Hope Thursday, December 10, starting at 7 p. m. when that old gentleman Santa Claus pays his first official visit. . . . Various organizations are working up floats, acts and stunts for a big Christmas parade with perhaps the keenest competition coming from schools of the city. . . . Believe me from reports trickling in some of the floats are going to be really clever. . . . Incidentally three or four bands will be on hand. . . . Chamber of Commerce folks are making big plans with the idea of holding such a parade to greet Santa every year about this time.

A deluge of seals and various other methods of getting money to finance charity projects are sent to residents of Hope the year around but December seems to be the time when several hit together. . . . For instance, the 49 seals, seals of the blind, a book from the Arkansas Children's home Salvation Army, Goodfellows and many others come through the mail. . . . all good organizations worthy of donations but this reporter can't help but feel the need of a Community Chest which allows a person or firm to contribute one lump sum which is divided and passed out to charitable organizations.



MARKETS

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

ST. LOUIS NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, Ill. (UP) — Livestock. Hogs 9.00; rather slow; uneven; butchers and gills under 230 lbs. 10.70; heavier weights 10.80; 100 lb. hogs steady to 23 lbs. 10.70; bulk choice 180-230 lbs. 23.75; 235-240 lbs. 23.50-24.00; 240-270 lbs. 22.75-23.25; 150-170 lbs. 22.25-24.25; 120-140 lbs. 22.50-23.00; heavy 400 lbs. down 20.75-22.00; heavier down 19.75-20.00; hogs 14.00-17.00; few 18.00.

Cattle 6.00; calves 1.40. Supply of cattle liberal with steers in moderate numbers; about 50 head offered; butchers and milks fairly numerous with cows making up about 25 per cent of receipts; very little done on steers and heifers; cows under 100 lbs. 10.00-11.50; canners and cutters 10.00-11.50; with light shell canners 6.00-7.00; bulk and vealers unchanged; utility and commercial 10.00-11.50; cutters 10.00-11.50; prime up to 18.00; utility and commercial 12.00-14.00; commercial and good slaughter calves 13.00-15.00.

Sheep 2.50. Receipts mostly woolled lambs; few full and some short horns and small lots of ewes; market not fully established; few ewes under 10 lbs. strong to 25 lbs.; few lots most of prime woolled lambs 12.00; good to low prime lambs 10.00-11.50.

NEW YORK STOCKS — The Stock Market was lower today for the third straight session.

The fall was not particularly pronounced but it involved just about all major divisions of the market. Prices were off right from the start with a few wider losers among key issues, most down around a point.

Airplane were higher.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE — CHICAGO (U) — Live poultry fully steady to firm; receipts 840; eggs 1.00; paying prices unchanged except on heavy hens one

cent a pound higher; heavy hens 21-22; light hens 16-20; fryers or broilers 27-29; old roasters 17-19; ducklings 27.

Butter steady receipts 437,000; whole milk buying prices unchanged; 88 cream AA 05.5; 92 14 04.75; 88 C 04; 88 05 05 14 04.75.

Price grades were, balance firm receipts 10,150; whole milk buying price 11 cents a dozen; lower to 11.25; U. S. large 48; U. S. medium 45; U. S. standard 40; current receipts 44; checks and dills 42.5.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK (U) — Cotton futures were generally higher today in moderately active dealings today. There were 25 December contracts traded in New York.

Later afternoon prices were 20 cents a bale higher, to 10 cents lower than the previous close December 7.75 March 1954 and May 1954.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO (U) — Grains had a rough time a little floundered today as the market underwent a technical reaction after a recent advance.

Most of the drop was attributed to profit taking. However, any drop was sold on a larger than expected basis in the government's cotton crop forecast and only a small amount of wheat and corn on reports that 700,000 bushels of Argentine oats had been purchased for shipment to the United States.

Corn related the selling better than other cereals.

Wheat closed a lower to 1.25 higher, December \$2.07 1/2, lower to 1.25 higher, December 4.55 1/2, only unchanged to 1.25 lower December 1.22 1/2, and soybeans 14.3 1/2, lower to 14.3, January \$2.00-2.01 1/2.

Chick wheat: none. Corn: No. 1 yellow 1.01 1/2-1.02 1/2; No. 2 1.01-1.01 1/2; No. 3 1.00 1/2-1.01; No. 4 1.00 1/2-1.01; No. 1 heavy white 1.01 1/2. Soy beans: none.

Barley nominal; mulling 1.30-1.40; feed 1.41-1.45; field seed per 100 lbs. nominal; white clover 8.50-9.00; red top 8.00-8.50; alsike 14.00-15.00; timothy 11.00 - 12.00 red clover 24.00-25.00.

Boyle

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That is the trouble with people who have strong winning personal likes. Whether you agree or disagree with them, they end up by getting mad at you.

Being afflicted with a weak, losing, losing winning personal likes, in this world, a world in which self-interest wins respect, whether the cause in which it is put forward is worthy or despicable.

You find the outcome of people with a strong winning personal likes, in some strange reaction, offend them. Clothing salesmen, bus drivers, waiters, and dentists are brushed aside by the strong-willed. And how they can tell at a glance that I am like a fool with a sign saying "Push" is beyond me.

I have met accountants who could go into a strange bank and cash a \$100 rubber check with no trouble at all. But if I went into the bank where my wife had traded for years and offered a \$1.50 check signed by John D. Rockefeller Jr. himself, the cashier wouldn't cash it until I went home and got proof of my identity.

"Are you going to stand for this nonsense?" I'd be saying inside myself. Well, I am the kind of guy who can't even say no to him. So I'd end up by apologizing to the cashier for being such a nuisance.

Punditry can tell this interlocking inclusion at once. They never ask me for a dime. They start by demanding a dollar, and I feel like a bum because I negotiate them down to a quarter. The same way with my dogs. They follow me home on rainy nights for a hand-out, and they would stay there the rest of their lives except our landlord has a forceful, winning personality that overrules dogs — and me, too.

My wife has often commented on my jellyfish character. "You know, there is a kind of strength in weakness," she said once. "I notice you sometimes get your way just by waiting."

That is the secret satisfaction of all of us weak-willed folk. When the people with forceful, winning personalities get tired of pushing us around and all down to rest, well — then we flow around them like water toward our own goals.

The only way to get what you want in this world if you can't say no is to wear out those of impatient strength with your own endless power of indecision.

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The Cat's Paw

by — MARION SALTER

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

LIEUTENANT CHASE dropped down on the couch, casually picked a cat hair from the cover and blew it into space. "Miss Morgan," he said, "where are your cats?"

"My cats?"

"Yes. Small four-legged mammals. One gray, one yellow. Here, kitty, kitty, kitty. See, no cats. Where are they?"

"I have no cats." But she saw how obvious it was that once the sharp-clawed April and May had lived here—the patches of pulled threads on the rug, the fringe they'd made of parts of the couch cover. For that matter there were even small paw prints around, where the white feet had playfully tapped the wall.

"I did have," Charlotte went on. "But they died. It's certainly no secret, but I can't see how it has any bearing on the case."

At least, she amended to herself, I can't see how he can think that it has.

"It's this way, Miss Morgan. When I left here yesterday, after sitting on your couch, my trousers were fur-bearing, shall we say. Later, on one of Mr. Cummings' suits, we found cat hairs in much the same locale, and of the same color. Gray and yellow. The tailor had returned that particular suit to Mr. Cummings only the day before Christmas. I thought you hadn't seen Mr. Cummings outside the office since last summer."

This is it, Charlotte thought, this is that unforeseen thing you've feared would show up. She put her hands to her face, as though her make was slipping. But she looked him straight in the eye as she said, "So help me, Lieutenant, I haven't. Not since August."

"When did your cats die?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, rather recently, Christmas night."

"What was the cause of their death?" the lieutenant pursued.

"Asphyxiation. One of them apparently played with the gas jets when I was out, and in this small apartment... Well, curiosity killed."

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in cat." Charlotte turned away and looked out the window while she tried to control the panic of her chest. There had even been a glimpse in her mind. Lieutenant Chase would surely think her statement on something significant.

Charlotte turned back to him. "It's just that I loved my cats," she said.

"So much that if someone had pushed them just would have told you?" This voice was flat, and he didn't even look up from jotting things down in his notebook.

"That's as hypothetical as your question," Charlotte said. She smiled pleasantly at the lieutenant.

"Come again," Charlotte said.

"I will." The door closed behind him.

She stood there, and fear flooded her body. Fear, swirling through her chest, blacking out her brain. Things weren't going right. Lieutenant Chase knew he had some idea. He didn't know what he had, but he knew it was something. And he'd pursue it in every direction.

Where might it lead him? What if...?

Stop it, Charlotte, stop it! She began to think of Tracy keeping vigil outside. I am watched, I am suspect, and I must want.

She wanted to go out, to walk, to outdistance these ghoul and goblins. To wander the sidewalks of New York, East side, West side, all around the town.

She could never make it seem like a mere Sabbath stroll. Not with Tracy at her heels. Somehow, in some way she would show that fear was following her, apprehension, anything her.

I can't go out, I'm practically imprisoned!

It became urgent to think how she could lose Tracy, escape, in case it became necessary; in case she wanted to enter—a certain door. Surely in this fantastic city it could be done. This city was

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laid out for a good game of hide-and-seek.

And now in her mind Charlotte began to hide. Somewhere in the subway, that vast cross-city network of tortuous tracks and tunnels, deep down under New York. Or somewhere among the city's milling masses, simply be swallowed by them. Disappeared, one girl, una pluribus. Even in May's one might do it; get lost in the ant-heap of shoppers. Or in Grand Central, take a train and ride back later. Dodge in doorways, run down alleys, go up in elevators... She saw herself, a fugitive figure racing down distance.

Running away. That's what her mind was doing now.

You can't run away. You're still on the leash. Hold on to yourself, hold on. She pressed her palms to her temples, willing herself back to control.

King couldn't break me when he was alive. Neither shall he do it now.

Dead. What was dead?

Anyway, you needn't bear this whole burden of guilt and fear. The police suspect the others, too. Mario, Dorothy, Velora. Tim, Eric. They, too, are weekending with fear. They, too, must live with their own consciences, knowing what they know.

We're all in this up to our necks. The police can make mistakes. Justice can miscarry.

A lot depended on Charlotte's testimony. She could stand up in court and say, "Dorothy told me she hated Kingsley Cummings."

"Velora wrote the extortion letters."

"Eric loved me and was jealous of Mr. Cummings."

"Ask Velora about the death of Osa Field."

She could say...What would she say?

Especially about Eric who suddenly seemed so far away. She could hardly recall his face.

Now she would like to go to her mother, or at least call her. But the police mustn't know she had a mother. And her mother realized that, too.

(To Be Continued)

Anti-Ike Card Man to Carry on Battle

CADD, Okla. (UP) — Pink (Cowboy) Williams, who caused a ruckus by sending anti-Eisenhower postcards in the mail, said today he will carry his fight with the postoffice department "through every court in the land" if necessary.

Williams' mail, addressed to "Cowboy" here, is being held on by postal authorities, who gave the 62-year-old cattleman a hearing in Washington last week. But Williams charged the hearing was "a kangaroo court to start of finish."

"They haven't given a decision yet," he said, "but I have about as much chance of winning as a man in police court. They objected to everything we presented and accepted whatever the other side offered. But we'll fight this thing in the courts if we have to."

Williams said he "got a lot of advertising" through the appearance in the capital and his mail has picked up. He receives everything addressed to him by name: only the "cowboy" mail is held up.

The wry rancher's postoffice privilege was suspended because he mailed thousands of cards inviting

Arkansas Renamed Head of SCS

WASHINGTON (U) — Hollis R. Williams of Little Rock has been named head of the Soil Conservation Service in Arkansas.

The appointment, one of 29, was announced here yesterday by the Department of Agriculture.

DRUNKEN HORSE RIDING

CONWAY (U) — If his transportation had been more modern, a man arrested in Conway the other night might have faced a drunken driving charge.

But he was riding a horse. There being no specific law on drunken riding the defendant was charged with just drunkenness.

A sord is a flock of mallard ducks in flight.

cattleman who voted for President Eisenhower to come to a free kick in the pants.

Williams said he enjoyed his trip to Washington — "never had a better time in my life."

"I wore a ten-gallon hat and cowboy boots," he said. "To tell you the truth, I was a little awkward in that outfit, but I had to dress in that and give them a show. Little kids followed me around the street. Guess they thought I was Roy Rogers."

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NEW YORK'S MUSEUM OF MODERN ART chose a Studebaker for its exhibition of the new year's beautiful automobiles in the world—the only American designed and built car so honored.

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\$325 Million U. S. Aid for Roads Asked

LITTLE ROCK (U) — The American Association of State Highway Officials says it will ask Congress for an increase of 325 million dollars in federal aid to roads.

Of this, 250 million dollars would be for development of a 40,000-mile interstate highway system.

The association will ask that the total federal aid to roads be increased to 900 million dollars.

Alf E. Johnson, chief Arkansas highway engineer and AASHO president, said here yesterday that Congress also will be asked to accelerate building the interstate system by increasing the ratio of federal funds to state funds from 50-50 to 75-25.

Johnson said only four roads in Arkansas would be eligible for aid if the 75-25 ratio is allowed. They are from West Memphis to Hylthville, Little Rock to Texarkana, Little Rock to Fort Smith, and between agents and insurance

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Insurance Men to Offer New Storm Plan

LITTLE ROCK (U) — A compromise plan which would allow customers the option of a \$50 deductible clause in wind and hail insurance was to be presented to state Insurance Commissioner Harvey Combs today.

An agreement on the controversial clause reportedly was reached between agents and insurance company representatives here yesterday.

Under the deductible clause the customer would have to pay the first \$50 worth of damage from hail and wind storms.

The agents' group—the Conference Committee of the Arkansas Association of Insurance Agents—was opposed to a mandatory deductible clause.

The Advisory Committee of the Arkansas Inspection and Rating Bureau—which represents the companies—supported the mandatory clause.

The two committees met yesterday and sources both later said a compromise was reached and would be presented to Combs.

Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States.

Beautiful, Beauty Breaks World Record

CHICAGO (U) — A young brunette flew into Chicago early today to break by eight hours the record time for rounding the world as a commercial air lines passenger.

"It was the best weekend trip I ever had," said pretty Pamela Martin as she stepped from a United Air Lines at Chicago's Midway Airport. She started her trip there at noon Friday.

She had covered the route in 90 hours and 59 minutes. She had only 10 hours sleep along the way but felt waiting newsmen she felt "fresh as a daisy."

The 22-year-old advertising copywriter-artist said she was "excited to sleep much" and she looks forward to making the trip again—but with this difference: next time she will take time out "to see those cities."

"I offered to get it for her for 2,000 deutschmarks (about \$476)," Elcher said. "She said, 'I am interested.'"

Elcher said they met again on the afternoon of Nov. 20, at which time "she showed me the money. He said he was carrying a package prepared by the counter intelligence corps."

He said he took the money, handed over the package, and then CIC agents arrested her.

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does for the girl's training school. This, he continued, is far less than the minimum necessary to furnish the most elementary needs for the boys.

Gathright said the school superintendent Felix Ryals, "strikes me as sincere in his desire to do the right thing."

He concluded: "I think they have done remarkably well in personnel and administration with the funds they have had to work with."

Santa Claus, get that Kiss on Krissmas Day — Give Her Vanity Fair

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All 30 of the prisoners interviewed today clung stubbornly to their pro-Red attitude, increasing to 150 the number of South Koreans who have refused to return home. Another 131 remain to be interviewed, along with the Americans and one British marine.

The explainers varied their routine today by introducing a tape recording of a boy and a girl praising the "enjoyable, free and beautiful" life of South Korea and singing "I Want To Go Back."



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Calendar

Tuesday December 8
Mrs. R. L. Gosnell will present her piano pupils in a Christmas recital in the Junior High School Auditorium on Tuesday evening December 8, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

The Little Men's Brotherhood of the Unity Baptist Church will meet at 8:15 p. m. on Tuesday, December 8.

At 7:30 on Tuesday night, December 8, the Beacon Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Horace Hubbard 212 East 10th with Mrs. Helen White as co-hostess.

At 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, the YWA of the First Baptist Church will have an initiation and a mission study on Tuesday evening, December 8, at 7:15.

The Intermediate RA's of the First Baptist Church will have their meetings on Tuesday. The GA's will meet at 4 p. m. The RA's will meet at 7 p. m.

The Hope Country Club will have their Christmas Dance at 8 p. m. Tuesday, December 8. Hosts and hostesses will be Judge and Mrs. Byle Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bryant.

The Builders Class of the First Baptist Church with Mrs. Ilorace Fowler, teacher, will meet at the home of Mrs. L. A. Walker for a dinner and Christmas tree at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 8.

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church will meet at the church on Tuesday night, December 8, at 7:30 for a Christmas party. The teacher of the class is Miss Beryl Henry. All members are asked to bring an inexpensive gift for exchange.

The Garland Christmas program will be held at the school at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 13.

Wednesday, December 9
Tonight at 7:45, a sacred religious drama entitled "Her Lengthened Shadow" will be presented in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. The play depicts the life of Miss Lottie Moon in China.

The GMA's of the Unity Baptist Church will meet at 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening, December 9.

The First Methodist Church Choir will practice at 7 p. m. Wednesday, December 9.

The First Baptist Church Carol Choir will hold rehearsal at 4 p. m. on December 9.

The Garrett Memorial Baptist Church will have choir practice at 7 p. m. on Wednesday, December 9.

The John Cain Chapter of the DAR will have their monthly meeting at noon at the Hotel Barlow.

Thursday, December 10
The Ladies of the Hope Gospel Tabernacle will have Prayer Service beginning at 2:15 Thursday, December 10.

At 2 p. m. Thursday, December 10, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pentecostal Church will meet.

At 4 p. m. on Thursday, the Concord Choir of the First Baptist Church will have rehearsal.

The Junior Ladies Auxiliary of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church will meet at 7:30 on Thursday night, December 10.

The Chancel Choir of the First Baptist Church will practice at 7:30 Thursday night.

The Blooms PTA will meet at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday, December 10, at the school for a pot luck supper and Christmas party. All members and friends are urged to attend.

The Hope Junior - Senior High School PTA will have their meeting at 3:30 on Thursday afternoon, December 10, at the Junior High Auditorium. The executive board will meet at 3 o'clock.

Friday, December 11
The First Baptist Church Choir will have practice at 4 p. m. on Friday, December 11.

The Hope B & PW Club will have a Christmas party at the Hotel Barlow on Thursday night, December 10, at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Haskell Jones will be special guest. All members are reminded to bring or send a Christmas gift for her capsule sister.

Friday, December 11
The Rose Garden Club will meet at 3 p. m. on Friday, December 11, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Luck 855 East Second street. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Aline Johnson. All members are urged to be present for this Christmas party.

Saturday December 12
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church will sponsor a miscellaneous sale of needle work on Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9 a. m., at 220 South Main. Comes early for best selection.

Monday December 14
W. S. C. Circle 5 of the Methodist Church will meet Monday, December 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Claude Tilley with Mrs. Howard Byers and Mrs. Sam Strong as co-hostesses. The devotional, in the form of a Christmas story, will be given by Mrs. E. E. Greenberg. Members please bring your special Christmas offering for Wanda Staley, our Arkansas Missionary to India, and a gift not to exceed 75 cents for exchange. A full attendance is urged.

Friday, December 18
The Annual Christmas party will be held at the Confederate Home in Little Rock on Friday, December 18.

18. The home is temporarily located at Camp Robinson. All local members are expected to send gifts.

Notice

The Adult Fellowship Class of the First Methodist Church will not meet as scheduled Thursday night December 10. The next meeting will be held the second Thursday in Jan. 1934.

To all members of the P. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church: A box has been placed in the office of the Educational Building in which to place your donations for the orphanage. Please save our donation in by December 14.

Kyler Home Scene Of Circle 4 Meeting

The home of Mrs. H. O. Kyler was attractively decorated in the Christmas theme, for the Christmas meeting of Circle 4 of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church on Monday, December 7. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Rob Jones and Mrs. R. D. Franklin.

After grace was said by Rev. V. D. Keckley, lunch was served buffet fashion on a table decorated in Christmas colors to 22 members and 3 guests.

There followed a short business session with Mrs. Kyler presiding. Mrs. John Vesey gave an excellent devotional "Biblical Circumstances Preceding the Birth of Christ" and closed with a prayer. Wanda Staley offering was taken and other business held over until next meeting.

After a short prayer the meeting adjourned. Guests were Reverend and Mrs. Keckley and Mrs. H. O. Kyler, Jr.

Brandon-Watson Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Brandon of Route two, Hope, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elsie Mae, to S. Sgt. Leonard Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner L. Watson of Delight.

Miss Brandon is a graduate of Blooms High School and attended Capital City Business College, Little Rock, Arkansas. S. Sgt. Watson is a graduate of Delight High School and attended A&M College, Monticello, Arkansas. He is presently serving in the U. S. Air Force at Santa Ana Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The wedding will be an event of December 12 at 8 p. m. in the Rocky Mount Baptist Church.

Helen Powell To Marry
Elmer Smith
Miss Helen Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Powell of Guernsey, is engaged to Elmer Smith son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith. Miss Powell is now attending school at Guernsey.

Betty Mitchell Honored With Miscellaneous Shower
Mrs. B. M. Hazzard and Mrs. Ted Purdie entertained with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Hazzard for the pleasure of Miss Betty Mitchell bride-elect of Don LaFautas.

The Hazzard home was decorated with attractive arrangements of fall flowers.

The hostesses presented the non-oreo with a corsage of white carnations. Several games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Joy Crumpler and Mrs. M. M. Mitchell. The bride-elect was the recipient of many useful gifts. Following the opening of the gifts, fruit cake and coffee were served.

Circle 3 of WSCS Meets in Harrell Home
Mrs. Charles Harrell was hostess to Circle 3 of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church when it met on Monday, December 7. Mrs. Harrell was assisted by Mrs. Cecil Weaver.

The leader, Mrs. Jolly Byers, opened the meeting with Prayer. She then presented several items of business. Roll call, payment of dues, and the Wanda Staley offering.

Mrs. Frank Mason, president, was in charge of the meeting and conducted a business session prior to the program.

Mrs. Joe Amour and Miss Gwendolyn Dean were in charge of serving refreshments to the group.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson and son, Freddie, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Robertson have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Robertson, Jr. in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collier and daughter, Joy, spent the week-end in Marshall, Texas, with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hutchings and son, Tom.

T. J. Robertson of Anadarko, Oklahoma, is visiting his brother, H. P. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson and other relatives.

Hospital Notes

Admitted: Marvin Toney, Rosston Aaron Gully, Rosston, Miss Lenora Hatfield, Hope L. D. Brown, Hope Mr. Carl Thornton, Hope.



Lingerie for Christmas giving combines pretty practicality with new ideas for modern living. Soft brushed nylon gown (left) is warm, has sheer ruffle trim with flower embroidery. Scarf (center) doubles as both blouse and slip. It can be worn under a suit without a blouse or under a dress that has a low V

or surplice neckline. Bodice is double-layered nylon. Life-sized rosebuds are scattered widely over pale pink nylon pajamas (right) and matching robe. Robe has three-quarter dolman sleeves; formed into a single piece with the yoke. All designs shown here are by Carter.

DOROTHY DIX

She Rebuffs Daughter's Beau

Dear Miss Dix: I've been going with a girl for about a year, but because her mother dislikes me, we see each other only once a week. Grace is 23, a brilliant person, but completely under her mother's thumb. Whenever I call, her mother makes sarcastic remarks. I'll admit life hasn't been too pleasant for the mother; her husband died tragically a few years ago and her only child is a handicapped boy who really needs all his mother's care. I do think Grace is entitled to some freedom, however. Can you suggest anything?

D. S.

Tact, Consideration Needed

Answer: You might try for a better understanding with the woman you so lightly brand as a tyrant. With nothing left to cling to except her daughter, and a past and present filled with tragedy and unhappiness, it's not difficult to see why she considers you as an intruder bent only on taking her daughter away. You and Grace can use some of your vaunted intelligence to improve the situation.

Stop resenting the mother's possessiveness; exert your efforts, instead towards removing its cause. Grace can begin by putting the situation squarely up to her mother, explaining how she feels about you, and giving assurance (backed up by you) that marriage will not mean complete detachment from her family. While Grace won't be with her mother as much as she is now she will, at least be at hand to give any necessary help, such as caring for the handicapped child so the mother can get out occasionally, and will be available always as a source of comfort. The all-

ing were made.

Mrs. Story presented the following program. Two Christmas Carols sung by Mrs. James McFarley, the devotional given by Mrs. B. W. Edwards followed by the group singing "Holy Night." Mrs. Jackson gave the Christmas story.

Following the meeting, the hostesses served cake and coffee to 17 members and one visitor.

Classroom Teachers Association Has Panel Discussion

"The Local Association and the Professional Standards Movement" was the subject of the panel discussion presented at the meeting of the Hempstead County Classroom Teachers Association in the Hope Junior High School on Dec. 7, 1933.

With Mrs. P. L. Perkins acting as moderator, the panel members were Miss Jean Smith, home economics practice teacher from H. S. T. C., Arkadelphia, Mrs. Frank Harn, Mrs. H. L. Hanagan and Mrs. Lawrence Martin.

Topics discussed included teacher recruitment, shortage of teachers, certification standards, public respect, and personnel and professional growth. Mrs. R. E. Jackson, program chairman, presented Mrs. Perkins, who introduced the members of the panel.

Mrs. Mitchell Sparks gave a report of the Arkansas C. T. A. luncheon, which she attended in Hot Springs, on November 6, during the A. E. A. Convention.

Mrs. Frank Mason, president, was in charge of the meeting and conducted a business session prior to the program.

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Fire Deaths Traced to Young Father

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN

CHICAGO (UP) — "The sweet heart of a young father held on suspicion of murdering his wife and three children and burning their bodies in a 'perfect crime' plot said today 'he promised to marry me if it took 20 years.'"

Police confronted the father, Vincent Cuccel, 28, with his mistress, Miss Carol Amora, 26, late last night. They kissed and she said:

"They got a lot of stuff on you."

"I know," he replied, "but I didn't do it."

The sweetheart denied any knowledge of the crime but said she lived with Cuccel for nine months, bore him a child and gave him about \$1,000 of the modest \$2,200 estate left by her father.

Cuccel, who was moved from county hospital to the well guarded hospital at the Bridewell jail, told police he met with Miss Amora for about 15 minutes last Tuesday in a saloon.

'Opry' Stars at City Hall December 9

Johnnie and Jack, with their Tennessee Boys, who have become overnight favorites on radio, stage and television, are coming to the City Hall in Hope on December 9.

Johnnie and Jack, who parlayed two golden voices and a guitar into a combination which has become one of the best loved folk music duets today, bring their fast-moving, fun-and-music-filled routine for local enjoyment this week.

Folk music fans, who applauded Johnnie and Jack's "Poison Love," "Cryin' Heart Blues," "Ashes Of Love," "Three Ways Of Knowing," "Heart Trouble," and many others will welcome their most recent releases, including "South in New Orleans," and "Private Property," and "Don't Say Goodbye If You Love Me," and "Pig Latin Serenade."

In addition to Johnnie and Jack, the show feature — Kitty Wells, bright star of Decca Records and the No. 1 girl singer of folk songs on the Grand Ole Opry.

Kitty Wells recording of "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels" on Decca Records brought her overnight success. Later ones, "A Wedding Ring Ago," "Crying Steel Guitar Blues," "Paying For That Back Street Affair," "Honky

prevading feeling of fear and anxiety that motivates the mother's heavy hold on Grace can be alleviated, and perhaps ended, with Godliness in the home. People with faith know where to find the confidence they need. Your case isn't hopelessness, but you will have to exercise patience and consideration to solve it.

Dear Miss Dix: During the summer I visited my sister, and there I met a young man of 29 (2 years older than myself). I told him I'd be back in a few weeks, but I got a job near home, and didn't have a chance for another trip. My friends say he's been asking for me and I'm sure he loves me as much as I do him. Should I give up my job here, and go to my sister's town for good? I have no parents but live with another sister.

JUDY G.

Answer: I'm afraid there's nothing but disappointment in store for you with this romance. If the boy really liked you, it's certain he would have written, or come to see you in the past few months. He's had lots of time to further the acquaintance if he wanted to. So, if your only reason for changing jobs is to fall into his waiting arms — stay where you are.

MRS. W. F.

Dear Miss Dix: Could you tell me where my daughter could go to work her way through college? She's graduating from high school this spring, is a fine student, but I cannot afford to send her away to school.

Answer: With your daughter's scholastic record, she might easily win a scholarship, write for Bulletin No. 16, "Scholarship and Fellowships in Institutions of Higher Education," Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Cost is 55 cents, in money order or check. A book that might help you is: "Working Your Way Through College" by Kenneth C. Rathbun published by the Cavalier Publishing Co. of Richmond, Va. Cost is 1.25.

Strato Jet in New Record

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A B-47 Strato-

jet bomber flew nonstop from England to MacDill Air Force Base here yesterday in 8 hours 53 minutes, clipping 14 minutes off the old record for the 4,400 miles.

"Aside from strong head winds we encountered no difficulties," Col. William E. Creer of Spanish Fork, Utah, commander of the bomber, said.

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Four Pilots Die as Planes Crash

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (UP) — Four Thunderbolt in tight formation shot through low-hanging clouds near here early yesterday and slammed into a pine thicket, carrying their pilots to instant death.

Officials at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, Ga., home base of the single-seater planes, theorized that they got lost in rough, rainy weather. They crashed only a few minutes before they were scheduled to land at Dobbins after an instrument flight from Miami.

The pilots, all members of the Atlanta Air National Guard unit, were identified as Capt. Idon M. Lodge Jr., 30, Atlanta; 1st Lt. Samuel P. Dixon, Chamblee; 1st Lt. Elwood C. Kent, 28, East Point; and 1st Lt. William A. Tennent, 25, Atlanta.

Bodies of the pilots were found several hundred yards from the wreckage.

Officials estimated the jets were travelling at more than 250 m.p.h. on impact. Wreckage was scattered over a three-quarter-mile area.

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Fire Deaths Traced to Young Father

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN

CHICAGO (UP) — "The sweet heart of a young father held on suspicion of murdering his wife and three children and burning their bodies in a 'perfect crime' plot said today 'he promised to marry me if it took 20 years.'"

Police confronted the father, Vincent Cuccel, 28, with his mistress, Miss Carol Amora, 26, late last night. They kissed and she said:

"They got a lot of stuff on you."

"I know," he replied, "but I didn't do it."

The sweetheart denied any knowledge of the crime but said she lived with Cuccel for nine months, bore him a child and gave him about \$1,000 of the modest \$2,200 estate left by her father.

Cuccel, who was moved from county hospital to the well guarded hospital at the Bridewell jail, told police he met with Miss Amora for about 15 minutes last Tuesday in a saloon.

The fire that swept through Cuccel's home and grocery store Saturday was first believed to be only a tragic accident. The charred body of his wife, Anne, 28, and his children, Virginia, eight, Angelino, four and Vincent, Jr., nine, were found in the ruins after Cuccel, cut and burned himself, gave

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List of Delinquent Personal Property

CERTIFICATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS,
COUNTY OF HEMPSTEAD, ss.
I, C. Cook, Sheriff and Collector
of Hempstead County, Arkansas,
do hereby certify that the foregoing
is true and compared, list of all
persons, firms and corporations
whose personal taxes were not paid
within the time prescribed by law
and the same are hereby returned
delinquent for the taxes of the year
of 1933.

Witness my hand on this 24th
day of November, 1933.
C. Cook,
Sheriff and Collector of
Hempstead County,
Arkansas.

(SEAL)
Subscribed and sworn to before
me on this 24th day of November,
1933.
Harry Howarth,
County Clerk of Hempstead
County, Arkansas.

Name of Owner

Assessed Value

Tax Due

Hope, Ward 1

Adkins, Horace E.

Adkins, M. A.

Adkins, R. J.

Adkins, Ruth

Adkins, J. L.

Adkins, Eliza

Adkins, G. E.

Adkins, Kenneth Jr.

Adkins, Walter M.

Adkins, John

Adkins, Betty

Adkins, Bernard

Adkins, Paul L. Jr.

Adkins, Food Store

Adkins, Frank

Adkins, Hattie L.

Adkins, James

Adkins, Shelly

Adkins, Jim T.

Adkins, Joe W.

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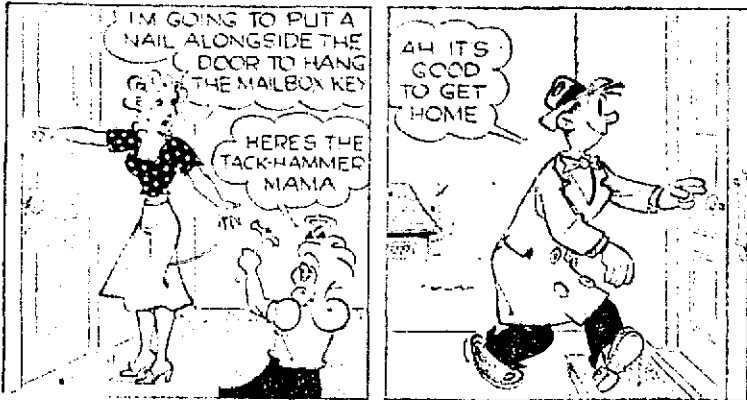
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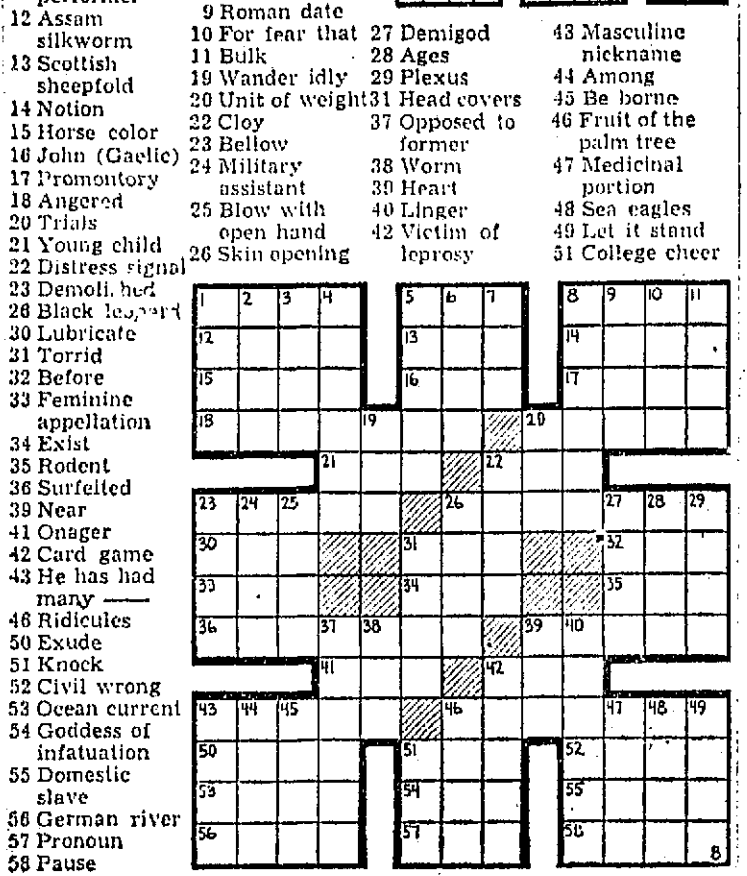
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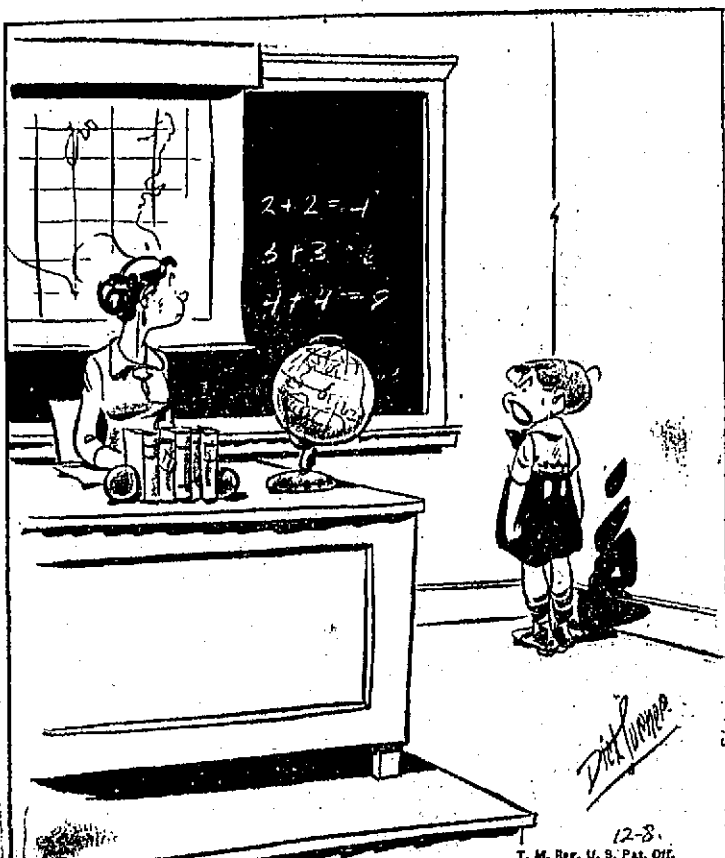
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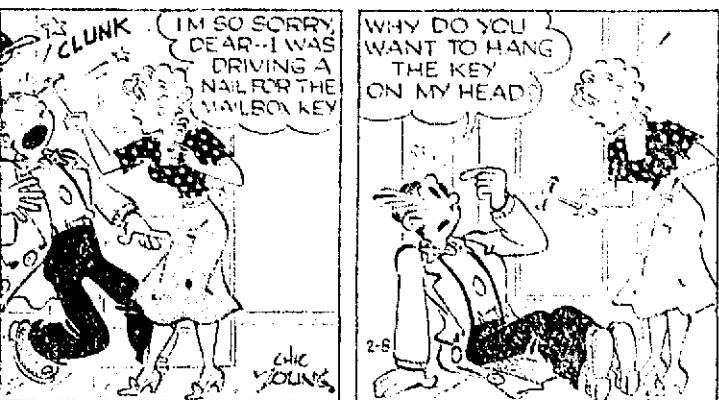
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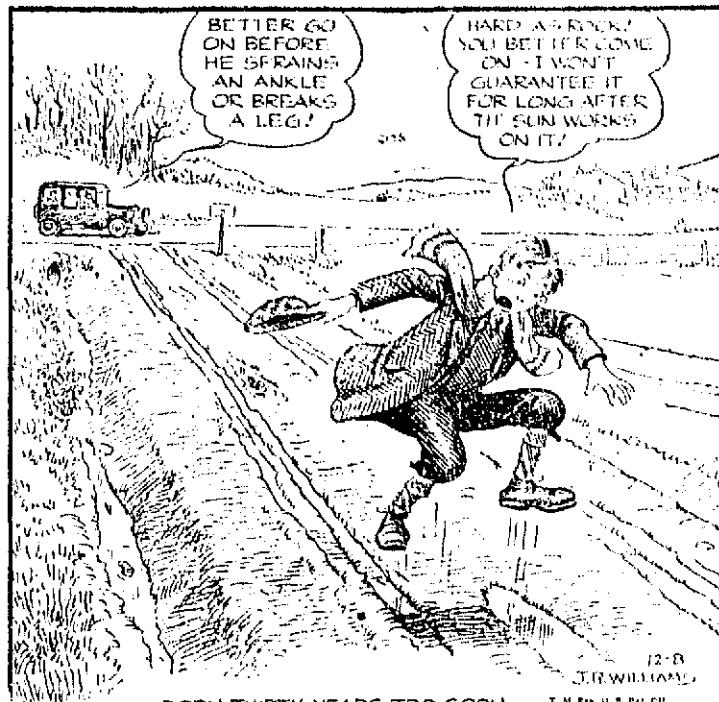


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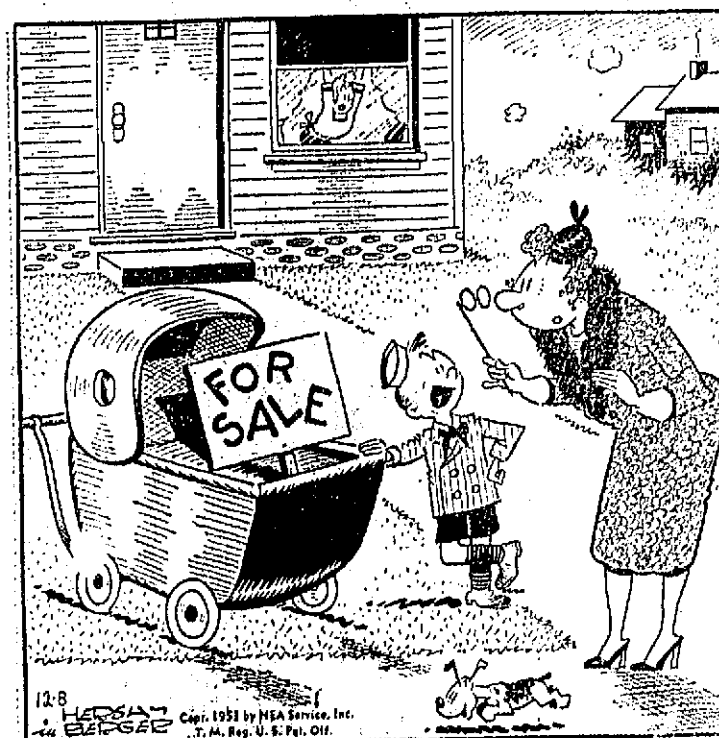
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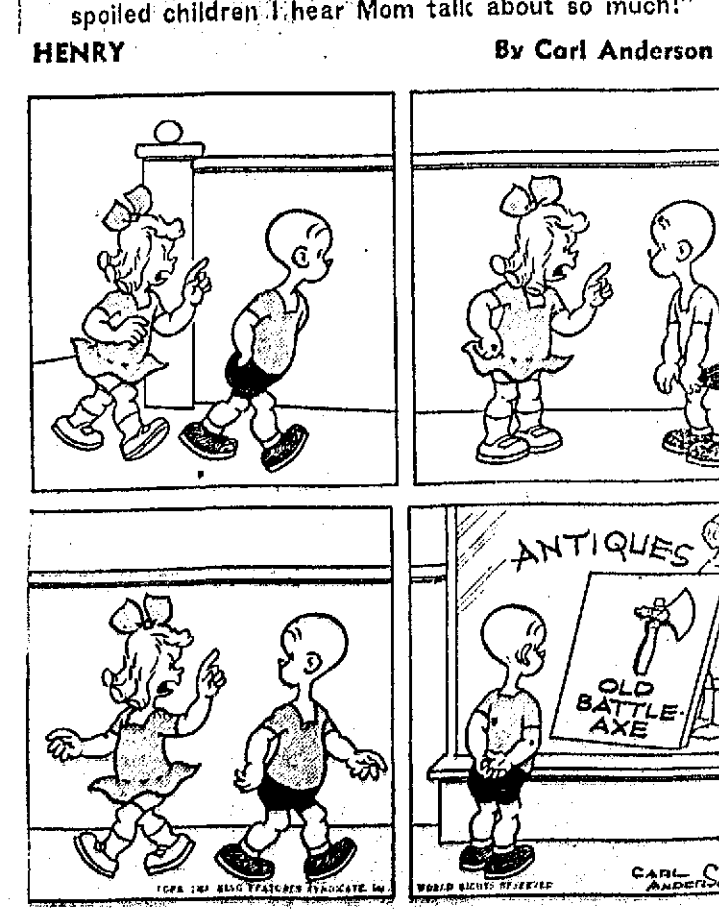
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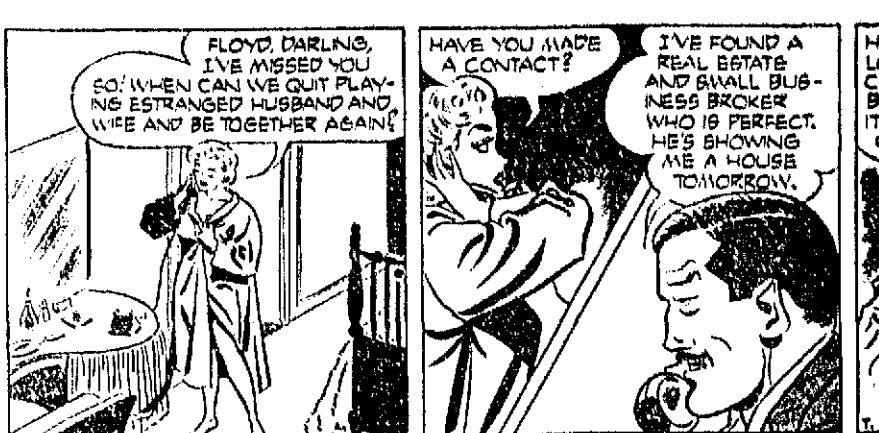
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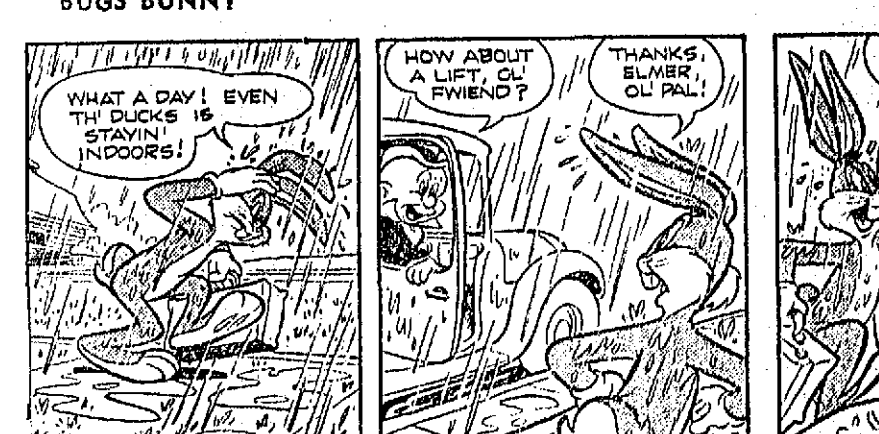
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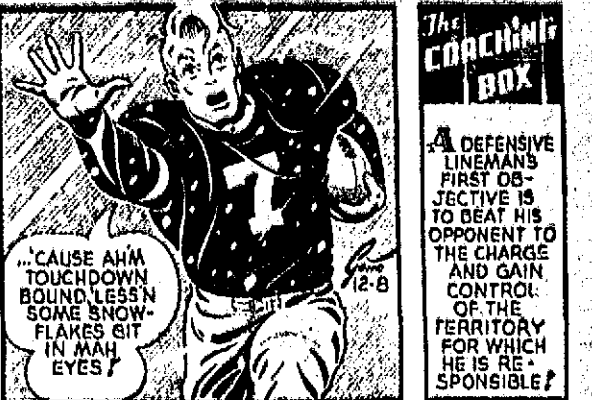
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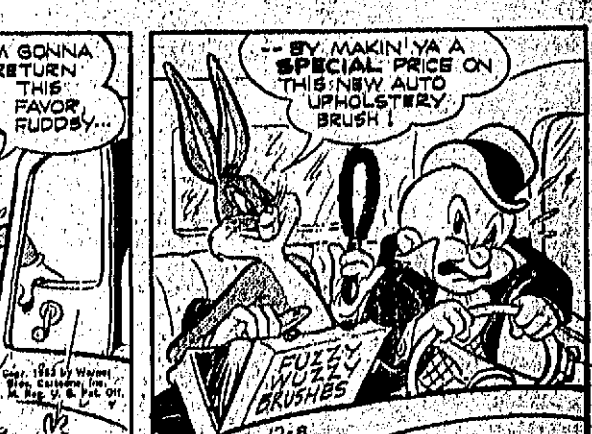
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Composer to Observe His 69th Birthday

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, P. H. — Rudolph Friml, 69, of the great operetta composers, plans a unique celebration for his 69th birthday today.

1. He'll bicycle some 15 miles from his Hollywood bungalow home to a beach club at Santa Monica.

2. He'll take an endurance swim in the club's pool. Last year he swam continuously for 24 hours.

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to write a show. He is soon leaving for Hong Kong.

"The most important things in my life are, in order: 1. health, 2. music, 3. travel," he remarked.

"I am never sick. Why? Because I take good care of myself. I stand on my head for 10 minutes every morning. That gets the blood to the brain and starts you thinking."

"I do lots of yoga exercises. I also exercise my fingers; they are my future, you know. I do all my composing on the piano and have someone else put it down on paper. Not like the old days. I wrote millions of notes for 26 shows, arranging and orchestrating everything myself. That was before we had recording machines."

Friml said he had health equipment all over the house and invited me to see for myself.

"I am always exercising," he said. "Even in the show or bath-tub. How many other men take the trouble? Not many. See—I even exercise in the subway. I always go up like this." And he glided quickly up the stairs, two at a time.

He showed me a large box in which banks of electric lights induced the seat to pour. Also a reclining machine. In the bedrooms he pointed out ultra violet lamps that kept the air pure at all times.

He demonstrated his head standing technique, then reamed on his back and rolled to a standing position without using his hands.

"Try it," he urged. "I did, and rose with a slight charley horse."

"Look," he said, raising his trousers. "There are the legs of a ball-china."

We also talked about the musical theater and he said he found MGM's third version of "Rose Marie."

He also reported he had just received a letter from Berlin on an absorber.

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Mediators Seek to End Paper Strike

By EUGENE LEVIN

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal mediators today hammered out a proposal for ending a strike against six major New York newspapers and called in both sides to look the formula over.

"I am for the first time optimistic," Federal Mediator Walter A. Magglo said.

Top negotiators for the newspapers and the striking AFL photographers were with Magglo and posed together for news photographers for the first time since the strike started Nov. 28. It is now in its 11th day.

Details of the formula were not disclosed, but there were indications it hinged on creation of a fact-finding board.

Magglo's announcement came after hours-long efforts to settle the wage dispute.

Shortly after midnight Denis M. Burke, president of the striking local, and William Mangel, president of the Publishers Association of New York City, went into consultation.

The announcement by Magglo, with Burke and Mangel present, followed.

Burke said that if his union's bargaining committee accepted the mediator's proposal he would attempt to call a union membership meeting for today. If the strikers at the meeting ratified the plan Burke added pickets could be called off within an hour.

The picket lines were a major

reason for the suspension of publication by the six papers. Only the 400 photo-engravers—the men who make the metal plates from which photos and other illustrations are reproduced—struck; and the papers could have published picture-less editions.

with planes in the air instead of on the drafting boards." Potter declared.

Weller said in a separate interview he believed "the President and the secretary of defense have shown what can be accomplished by sound planning and effective organization work."

Declaring that "we must continue to have air power second to none," Wilson said in an Indianapolis speech last night the Air Force will have 115 wings by next June 30 and can reach an interim goal of 120 wings sooner than expected. A wing ranges in size from 30 long range bombers to 75 fighters.

Although there is no definite proof of its age, there is a turtle on St. Helena Island which inhabitants claim is 178 years old.

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Air Force to Ask Funds for 127 Wings

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP) — Secretary Wilson labeled as "a change in front" an announcement by Secretary Wilson that the Defense Department will ask Congress for funds to build toward a 127-wing Air Force by mid-1956.

Wilson's statement that "including naval aviation, we now have the most powerful and effective Air Force in the world" was hailed by Senators Potter (R-Mich.) and Weller (R-Idaho) as an answer to critics of Eisenhower administration cuts in Air Force funds.

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County Does Not Want to Bury Kidnap

By BOB THOMAS

Marionville, Mo. (AP)—County attorney promised today he would go to court if necessary to keep the kidnaper Carl Austin Hall from being buried at the side of his accomplice, Bonnie Brown Heady, in her family cemetery.

Nodaway County Prosecutor Gene Thompson said residents of this area in northwest Missouri, were bitter at the prospect of burying Hall, the "mastermind" of the Bobby Greenhouse kidnaping, buried among their dead.

"There is an underground of indignation about Hall," he said. "The cemetery is right on U. S. Highway 71. If we bury him there we might as well put up a hotdog stand, too."

Mrs. Heady, 41, has requested removal from her death row prison cell at Jefferson City, Mo., that she and Hall, 36, be buried together in the family plot at nearby Clearmont, Mo., where her mother and father also are buried.

Hall and Mrs. Heady will die Dec. 10 in the Missouri gas chamber for the \$500,000 ransom kidnaping of six-year-old Bobby Greenhouse. Hall murdered the tiny victim after Mrs. Heady abducted him from his school in Kansas City, Mo.

Thompson said it was "not in the public interest" to have Hall buried in Nodaway County.

"As far as Bonnie Heady is concerned, her father and mother are buried in the family plot and she has a right to burial there," the prosecutor said. "But our people are concerned. We've got good, solid Americans here and they do not want a spectacle made of cemeteries."

Thompson said he would seek a restraining order against the burial in circuit court if necessary, go to court if necessary to keep the kidnaper Carl Austin Hall from being buried at the side of his accomplice, Bonnie Brown Heady, in her family cemetery.

Amos Hall, uncle of the condemned kidnaper, said at his home in Amsterdam, Mo., he had no plans to claim Hall's body, nor did he know of any such plans on the part of Hall's several other uncles and aunts living in various parts of the country.

Meanwhile at St. Louis, Mo., a police official disclosed that Lt. Louis Shoulters, who arrested Hall there Oct. 6, had asked for police protection because of threats he has received in connection with the kidnap case.

Police Board President, T. A. Long said the request was discussed at a meeting of the board yesterday, but he would not elaborate.

Shoulters resigned from the police force in anger over a special investigation concerning the missing half of the \$500,000 ransom money. Hall claimed the entire amount was in his possession when Shoulters arrested him in a hotel room, but \$303,721 was missing when it was counted later at a police station.

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